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Colony Wartenburg  
Sancti Spiritus Mexico near  
Santayuca April 12. 1860.

Professor A. Gray  
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir,

With this letter I send you the second box with plants  
from No. 227-345. a packet with mosses for Mr. Ellis and  
some fern and seeds. Also you find within some specimens  
of *Agave americana*? wherefrom they make nearly in the whole  
Republic of Mexico a vegetable beer, named Pulque and some  
of a plant of the genus *Promelia*, named here Pita and I  
think botanical *Turnera* for your botanical garden.  
The last grows in this neighborhood in the thickest woods  
on very remote places; I was not able until now to see  
not the flower and not the fruit. It contains, shaving of the  
epidermis a fibre fine as linen and as strong as cannalis  
here they use the fibres of it to all kind of sewing works  
by shoemakers, saddlers etc. some of the Germans commence  
to cultivate it. Send a little with the plant, it grows 4-6 feet

This is my sixth letter I write, without having received  
any answer. My first box I send off in the month of October  
1858 and here answer of the merchant, that said first  
box arrived in good order on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 1859  
at New York. I am very anxious to hear of you,  
if said first box arrived in Cambridge or not  
and if in good order or not. Freight I paid

from here to Tampico with \$5. and for this second  
box with \$2.50. Letters from here to Tampico must  
be paid with 25 cents, but further they do not take payment.  
Paper is very high and not good, therefore I wish your goodness  
as you wrote and promised in your first letter to send me  
some paper. I had with my family a great part of the time  
we are here very bad fevers on account of the hot climate, therefore  
I think to go a little higher up in a more cold and healthy  
part for my northern constitution, but all things are very  
dear here on account of the revolutions and the want of  
industry in the land; therefore I am very short in means  
and would wish your favor to send me as soon as possible  
some money, when my plants arrived, when not, to give  
any how some answer, that I can hunt for the box, if not  
arrived. I had a great deal more 25 cents collected  
and seeds, and I think I have now more than three hundred  
species here, but having no answer from you, I could  
not send them off and a great part are spoiled by insects.  
This box I send for having a good opportunity through  
a friend, who goes direct from Wartenberg to the U.S.  
You might consider here, that to make collections  
here in this tropical climate is very difficult; at first  
to find good specimens for insects and birds, the most  
insects are eaten before night; and now from October

until June it is nearly impossible to go on steps  
from the house, by deducting a single bush thousands  
of insects everywhere, that a person hardly can  
live for grain; not counting snakes and cunts. Some  
snakes are eaten, when drying in the paper, so I had  
for example of some of the fishes (there are 5 species  
here) more than twenty specimens of every one species  
drying, but I could not save one for ants. I  
think they must be sent in alcohol.

Collections of the different woods I would also  
like to make, when you can dispose of them, giving  
me the measure of specimens and how many of every  
species, and what could be paid.

Please send your answer etc. and money and paper

Sen. F. M. Puge et Comp.

Tampico

for S. C. Envedberg

colonia Wartenberg  
Hacienda Pastoria  
Tantayua Republic Mexico

Expecting your friendly answer

I am very truly  
Yours

S. C. Envedberg